

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fourth Hampden Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Fourth Hampden Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (501) of these admissions reside in the Fourth Hampden Representative District. 3% (13) of admissions from the Fourth Hampden Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Fourth Hampden Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 74% were male and 26% were female.
- 54% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 89% were white non-Latino, 2% were black non-Latino, 8% were Latino, and 1% were other racial categories.
- 62% were never married, 16% were married, and 22% reported not to be married now.
- 20% had less than high school education, 56% completed high school, and 24% had more than high school education.
- 34% were employed.
- 9% were homeless.
- 35% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fourth Hampden Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	60%	21%	7%	2%	4%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003 Fourth Hampden Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	561	495	191	121	177	67	46
FY '96	494	442	159	77	103	54	33
FY '97	553	501	183	103	96	61	36
FY '98	676	595	202	104	79	91	50
FY '99	536	458	163	83	79	88	46
FY '00	568	467	174	110	68	124	79
FY '01	547	459	151	99	94	148	89
FY '02	597	484	151	89	77	169	111
FY '03	501	408	146	95	84	145	90